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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:))) Examiner Mark Halpern) Group Art Unit No. 1731))
Barry Smith Fagg et al.	
Serial No. 09/986,598	
Filing Date: November 9, 2001	
For CIGARETTE ROD PRODUCT WITH DIFFERENT DENSITIES	

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 20, 2003, Applicant has timely filed this Amendment by Certificate of Mailing. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejections to this application and to grant allowance of this Application in view of the following remarks and amended claims.

Please am nd this application as follows:

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Examiner Halpern,

Enclosed you will find a copy of the proposed amendments for 09/986,598. I am sending these in hopes that they will aid in our discussion tomorrow, August 5, 2003, about this matter.

Kindest Regards, Amanda M. Churc